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Application No. 10,595,327
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-77 (cancelled)

78. (New) A microwave food supportive device used for microwave heating, cooking or drying of food including:

a plurality of food contact areas elevated from and substantially integral to a foundation that enables the support of food placed directly on the food contact areas,

wherein spaces between the elevated contact areas and the foundation forms conduits adapted to vent the moisture from the food during microwaving,

wherein the foundation and elevated food contact areas are formed by a fold-like arrangement,

wherein the fold-like arrangement form a series of substantially triangular shaped concertina-like flutes,

and wherein at least one end of each flute includes a triangular fold.

79. (New) The device according to claim 78 wherein the flutes are arranged laterally.

80. (New) The device according to claim 78 wherein the flutes are arranged radially.

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81. (New) A microwave food supportive device used for microwave heating, cooking or drying of food including:

a plurality of food contact areas elevated from and substantially integral to a foundation that enables the support of food placed directly on the food contact areas,

wherein spaces between the elevated contact areas and the foundation forms conduits adapted to vent the moisture from the food during microwaving,

wherein the foundation and elevated food contact areas are formed by a fold-like arrangement,

wherein the fold-like arrangement form a series of substantially triangular shaped concertina-like flutes,

wherein at least one end of each flute includes a triangular fold; and

wherein the device is compactable.

82. (New) The device according to claim 81 wherein the flutes are contacted to a foldable base, said flutes being compacted when the base is folded and are elevated when the base is unfolded.

83. (New) The device according to claim 78 wherein the opposed ends of the flutes are attached to handles.